



In re KLINER, et al.

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IN THE U. S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: KLINER, et al.)

Serial Number: 09/778,329)

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.142

Sir:

Applicants, through their representatives, respectfully submit the following response to the OFFICIAL ACTION mailed 10/21/2002 (paper no. 6) requiring election of invention as between FOUR (4) allegedly distinct inventions in application serial number 09/778,329: Examiner has identified a first group of claims (GROUP I) consisting of claims 1 – 51 drawn to a method for making a fiber perform; a second group (GROUP II) consisting of claim 52 drawn to a glass perform; a third group (GROUP III) consisting of claims 53 – 58 drawn to a method for making glass rods; and a fourth group (GROUP IV) consisting of claim 59 drawn to a glass rod.

Applicant hereby elects Group I consisting of claims 1 – 51, without traverse. Applicants further request that the remaining claims be withdrawn and canceled, without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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